

E.R. file

February 10th 1952

Mr. Allen M. Dulles, Deputy Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

NO reply

See 13 Feb 52 Executive Registry
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

Your employee, graciously interviewed me STAT
on 1/26/52 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. in regard to my letter of
Dec. 28, 1951 addressed to you. He said you read my letter personally,
for which I am grateful, especially with your comment that "this
barn has his wits about him."

STAT informed me that his personal opinion
concerning the vulnerability of an enemy air attack over
Milwaukee or other large American cities is very remote, adding
that I shouldn't worry to prompt me to sell my beautiful
home and live elsewhere.

However, Gen. Ralph J. Olson, Director of Civil Defense,
State of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. stated publicly that "if
enemy bombers would attack Wisconsin ^{*} today, 70% of the
enemy planes could get through our defenses." That statement
can be verified. In other words, your agency would know if
steps to avert such a catastrophe can be averted, if tried,
and when U. S. defenses can successfully counter attack.

Your personal reply to this letter will be greatly
appreciated, providing such information can be divulged.

* Feb. 4, 1952.

Respectfully yours, Herbert Max Piessner

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